The **3 C's**o of Team e Solving

3 C'S OVERVIEW



- Collaboration working through problems/challenges/conflict together
- > Focus on "how" not "why"
- > Admit fault when appropriate
- > Appreciate different perspectives, styles and points of view
- > Remain objective recognize there is more than 1 way of doing things



Consensus – coming to a majority agreement about best approach (resolution)

- > Weigh the pros and cons of each idea/suggestion
- > Plan a strategy around the "how"
- > Devise plan to execute on problem-solving strategy
- > Clarify "who" and "what"

Communication – sharing information in a clear, concise manner

- > Share strategic plan
- > Include rules of engagement going forward (roles and responsibilities)
- > Spell out process changes/enhancements

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

- 1. Incorporate the 3 C's into your approach
- 2. Avoid succumbing to decision fatigue
- 3. Challenge traditional mindsets (norms)
- 4. Evaluate historical methods/data (both successes and failures)
- 5. Consider what "could be" and be patient/realistic with expectations
- 6. Make sure team members are self-aware and have equal footing
- 7. Give the project manager proper authority
- 8. Have a clear plan of execution



The key to problem-solving is a balanced team that is aligned on roles and the plan for execution. Everything should be "in concert" – like an orchestra.

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